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Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations: Opening doors to opportunity

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Your Future is Waiting.



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Ambitious student members and their energetic instructors of Illinois CTSOs create an inspiring network for learning, sharing, and achieving. As the students step through the doors of CTSOs, co-curricular activities develop into real-world experience; competitive events breed leadership; state and national conferences foster self-confidence; knowledge becomes know-how.

Working in collaboration with teachers-advisors, CTSO student members learn the technical skill requirements and specific performance standards for the industry or occupation and meet experts in their field of choice. Links to national organizations extend students' network of opportunity.

Developing skills such as public speaking and time management, partnered with learning specific performance standards for their occupation, produces confident, self-assured and independent young professionals. Service-learning projects enrich the community while improving students' teamwork abilities and problem-solving skills – assets essential for life-long learning.

CTSO programs and activities are an integral part of classroom instruction that support and reinforce the Illinois Learning Standards. Enter the diverse network of CTSOs and you'll find success behind every door.



Educate. Excite

AGRICULTURAL CAREERS

- Illinois Association FFA
- Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS)

BUSINESS & MARKETING CAREERS

- Business Professionals of America
Illinois Association
- Illinois Association of DECA
- Illinois Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Illinois Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES CAREERS

- Illinois Association of Family, Career and
Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

HEALTH CAREERS

- Illinois Association of Health Occupations Students
of America (HOSA)

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CAREERS

- Illinois Technology Student Association (TSA)
- Illinois Association of Skills USA-VICA

These nationally recognized organizations, approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and the U.S. Department of Education, inspire students to achieve their dreams. Activities that are an integral part of the CTSO content area are approved by the Illinois High School Association.

From classroom to conference room, from homework to workforce, CTSOs open doors to the future for these students.

Educate. Excite. Excel. CTSOs can make it happen.

Excel. CTSOs can m

"My work habits and desire to really become involved in my career were greatly enhanced by my participation in a CTSO program. That may be one of the reasons I own and run a multi million dollar company today." -Dan Rigby, CEO



"I would have never blossomed into who I am – professionally, socially, and personally — without the camaraderie and teaching inherent in Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations." -David Eldridge, Attorney

"Before becoming a member of a student organization, I was unsure of my career plans. The experiences and benefits of being a member have helped me plan for my future." — Kylie Ernsting



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make it happen.

Unlock opportunity.

Open the door to success – it's all within reach through Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations. ■ Standing at the crossroads between education and careers, students seeking direction find the keys to success in Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). These organizations guide students through the doors of leadership, teamwork, competition, pride and friendship down a straight path to a successful, fulfilling future. ■ The experience and guidance of CTSOs combined with the knowledge students learn in the classroom builds an unbeatable strategy for success. Skills for careers translate to skills for life for thousands of student members statewide. ■



Service-learning projects enrich the community while improving students' teamwork abilities.



"Skills For Life – that's what I walked away with as a result of four years of membership in CTSOs. The planning process, leadership activities, and goal setting are still integral parts of the presentations and workshops I present."
 — Chris Cook-Leitz, 4H/Youth Extension Specialist, Purdue University



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